--- “Series of 1958” - with a horizontal fraction bar - 60 x 15 mm. ---

--- 1/2 / CANADA TOBACCO // ONE HALF POUND / 1/2 ---

the 1958 one-half pound stamp with the horizontal bar should catalogue as follows:

RQ-25 - 1/2 pound, black, fine roulette
RQ-26 - 1/2 pound, black, coarse roulette
RQ-27 - 1/2 pound, black, imperforate

--- RQ-25 - cancelled by “Imperial Tobacco”, Granby - 1958-1968 ---

The collection contains the following copies of the 1/2 pound small 60 x 15 mm. strip, with the *horizontal* fraction bar, and ONE HALF POUND across the bottom, cancelled by “Imperial Tobacco”, Granby with their two digit coding. Those in yellow codes, e.g. **37**, have either been taken from eBay, or were seen in a collectible store, and are not actually in the cancellation collection.

RQ-25- 1/2 pound, black, *fine roulette*, with horizontal fraction bar,
coded **56 /** 1-23D **/ 56** in red ink by “Imperial Tobacco”, Granby, P.Q., from February 1960

RQ-27 - 1/2 pound, black, *imperforate*, with the horizontal fraction bar,
coded **51 /** 23D-1 **/ 51** by “Imperial Tobacco”, Granby, P.Q., from January 1967

RQ-26 - 1/2 pound, black, *coarse roulette*, with the horizontal fraction bar,
coded **67** / 23D-1 / **67** in red ink by Imperial Tobacco, Granby, P.Q., from May 1968

This numbered sequence follows the “Imperial Tobacco” code cancellation pattern, and the company code reverses in January 1964, at **23**, to read as 23D-1. I have combined the *imperforate* and the *roulette* strips in the following listing, since the purpose of the file is to determine the over-all dates of usage for the **M-476** strip. Upon reaching **99** the sequence jumps to **11**, and always seems to omit the number **13** - bad luck, with the WW II in progress.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec
1958	---	---	---	---	---	---	**37**	**38**	---	---	---	---
1959	**43**	**44**	**45**	---	---	---	---	---	**---**	---	---	---
1960	---	**56**	---	---	---	---	---	---	**63**	---	---	---
1961	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	**76**	---	---
1962	---	**80**	---	---	---	**84**	---	---	---	---	---	---
1963	**91**	---	---	**94**	**95**	**96**	**97**	---	---	**11**	---	---
1964	---	---	---	---	---	---	**21**	**22**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**
1965	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1966	**39**	---	---	---	**43** **	**44**	**45**	---	---	---	---	---
1967	**51**	**52**	---	---	---	---	**57**	---	---	**60**	**61**	**62**
1968	**63**	**64**	**65**	---	**67**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

** The can collection contains a copy of the *imperforate* **RQ-27** coded 23D-1 **/ 43**, from May 1966, on a can of **Ogden’s Cigarette Tobacco**, priced at $ 1.71.

--- RQ-27 - imperforate - used by Rock City / Rothman - (6-13D) ---

The collection contains the following copies of **M-476Db** - the *imperforate*, 1/2 pound 60 x 15 mm. small strip, with the *horizontal* fraction bar, and **ONE HALF POUND** across bottom, used by "Rock City / Rothman" in 1966.

RQ-27 - 1/2 pound, black, *imperforate*, with the horizontal fraction bar,
by "Rock City / Rothman", Quebec, P.Q., coded 6-13D / **23**

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---	---	**32**	---	---	---	---	---	**38**	---
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--- Macdonald Tobacco, Montreal - [1-10D] ---

"W.C. Macdonald Inc.", was acquired by "R.J.R. Reynolds" in 1973, becoming "R.J.R. Macdonald Inc.".

Early cancellations (probably prompted by the Quebec Order in Council to cancel Quebec production in red ink) were a series of three wavy vertical red lines, but they soon re-introduced code cancellations.

Type 1: The first mimeographed code (June 1961) and was a 3 mm. single letter, running from A to P (Sep. 1962) in blue or in red ink, whether destined for distribution across Canada, or within Quebec - a total of 16 codes.

Type 2: Next a number from 1 to 3 was added to the 3 mm. letter - from P-1 (Oct. 1961) to X-3 (Dec. 1964), re-starting at A-1 (Jan. 1965) and running to N-3 (June 1968) - a total of 69 codes.

Type 3: Then the stencil font was changed to 3½ mm. Roman by using an IBM Selectric typewriter with the floating ball, running from **O-1** (July 1968) to **Z-3** (June 1971) giving - a total of 36 codes.

Type 4:Finally a thin stencilled 4 mm. Gothic font was used and the series, re-started at A-1 (July 1971) ran to completion at M-2 (August 1974) giving - a total of 39 codes.

Length of production = 16 + 69 + 36 + 39 = 160 months / 12 = 13 years and 4 months - which counts back from the end point in August 1974, to a starting point of July 1961.

--- Cancellation codes – "Macdonald Tobacco", Montreal - 1-10D ---

Macdonald Tobacco, in cancelling the "Wings" series of *cigarette stamps*, ran an alphanumeric sequence from **R-1** to **Z-3** (27 stamps), and from A-1 to M-2 (38 stamps), for a total of 27 + 38 = 65 numbers.

"W. C. Macdonald" was using a monthly coding system, with the *year-quarter* represented by the *letter*, and the *month of the quarter* represented by the attached *number*.

	Jan.	**Feb.**	**Mar.**	**Apr.**	**May**	**Jun.**	**Jul.**	**Aug.**	**Sep.**	**Oct.**	**Nov.**	**Dec.**
1961							A	B	C	D	E	F
1962	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	P-2	P-3
1963	Q-1	Q-2	Q-3	R-1	R-2	R-3	S-1	S-2	S-3	T-1	T-2	T-3
1964	U-1	U-2	U-3	V-1	V-2	V-3	W-1	W-2	W-3	X-1	X-2	X-3
1965	A-1	A-2	A-3	B-1	B-2	B-3	C-1	C-2	C-3	D-1	D-2	D-3
1966	E-1	E-2	E-3	F-1	F-2	F-3	G-1	G-2	G-3	H-1	H-2	H-3
1967	I-1	I-2	I-3	J-1	J-2	J-3	K-1	K-2	K-3	L-1	L-2	L-3
1968	M-1	M-2	M-3	N-1	N–2	N-3	**O-1**	**O-2**	**O-3**	**P-1**	**P-2**	**P-3**
1969	**Q-1**	**Q-2**	**Q-3**	**R-1**	**R-2**	**R-3**	**S-1**	**S-2**	**S-3**	**T-1**	**T-2**	**T-3**
1970	**U-1**	**U-2**	**U-3**	**V-1**	**V-2**	**V-3**	**W-1**	**W-2**	**W-3**	**X-1**	**X-2**	**X-3**
1971	**Y-1**	**Y-2**	**Y-3**	**Z-1**	**Z-2**	**Z-3**	A-1	A-2	A-3	B-1	B-2	B-3
1972	C-1	C-2	C-3	D-1	D-2	D-3	E-1	E-2	E-3	F-1	F-2	F-3
1973	G-1	G-2	G-3	H-1	H-2	H-3	I-1	I-2	I-3	J-1	J-2	J-3
1974	K-1	K-2	K-3	L-1	L-2	L-3	M-1	M-2				

The colour varies - occurring in green, red, and blue

--- RQ-27 - *imperforate* - used by W.C. Macdonald Inc. - (1-10D) - 1961-62 ---

The collection contains the following copies of **M-476Da**, the imperforate 60 x 15 mm. small strip, with the *horizontal* fraction bar, and **ONE HALF POUND** across the bottom, in Type 1 mimeo: with a 3 mm. single letter.

RQ-27 - 1/2 pound, black, *imperforate*, with a horizontal fraction bar,
coded L in light blue ink by "Macdonald Tobacco", Montreal, from June 1962

RQ-27 - 1/2 pound, black, *imperforate*, with a horizontal fraction bar,
coded **O** in red ink by Macdonald Tobacco, Montreal, from September 1962

RQ-27 - 1/2 pound, black, *imperforate*, with the horizontal fraction bar,
coded U-1 in blue ink by "Macdonald Tobacco", Montreal, from January 1964

RQ-27 - 1/2 pound, black, *imperforate*, with the horizontal fraction bar,
coded S-1 in red ink by "Macdonald Tobacco", Montreal - July 1963

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1961	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1962	**G**	--	I	--	--	L	--	--	**O**	P	--	--
1963	---	---	---	---	---	---	S-1	---	---	---	---	---
1964	**U-1**	---	**U-3**	**V-1**	**V-2**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1965	---	---	---	**B-1**	B-2	---	---	---	---	---	---	**D-3**
1966	**E-1**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1967	---	**I-2**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1968	**M-1**	---	---	---	---	---						

--- RQ-26 - *coarse roulette* - used by "Canadian Tabacofina", Montreal - (30-10-D) ---

The collection contains a single copy of **RQ-26** the 60 x 15 mm. *coarse roulette* small strip, with the *horizontal* fraction bar, and **ONE HALF POUND** across the bottom, rollered **30-10-D** in red ink.

RQ-26 - 1/2 pound, black, *coarse roulette*, with the horizontal fraction bar,
rollered **30-10-D** in red ink by "Canadian Tabacofina", Montreal

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--- RQ-27 - *imperforate* - used by "Canadian Tabacofina", Montreal – (30-10D) ---

RQ-27 - 1/2 pound, black, *imperforate*, with the horizontal fraction bar,
coded **30-10D** in red ink by "Canadian Tabacofina", Montreal

By 1969 "Canadian Tabacofina" had been acquired by "Benson & Hedges" of Mount Royal, Quebec. Their later codes read reversed as **10D-30**.

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